



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 5352** **Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 11, 2008*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 5352 would authorize the appropriation of \$315 million over the 2009-2015 period for programs to improve the treatment of elderly victims in the justice system. Most of these funds would be for Department of Justice grants to state and local governments. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$173 million over the 2009-2013 period, with remaining amounts spent in subsequent years. Enacting H.R. 5352 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5352 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rates of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 750 (administration of justice) and 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	48	48	48	48	41	233
Estimated Outlays	17	31	38	43	44	173

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 5352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would benefit those governments by authorizing grant programs to prevent elder abuse; any costs related to applying for the grants would be incurred voluntarily.

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